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PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests a two (2) month extension of the period for response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2004. The response date set in the Office Action was November 16, 2004. A response is being filed herewith today, January 18, 2005, which is within the second month after the response date. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$450.00, which is the fee for a two month extension.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by two (2) months so that the response filed herewith will be considered timely filed.

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